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Birds of Western Ontario.—Messrs. Morden and Saunders have recently published a briefly annotated 'List of the Birds of Western Ontario,'* based on observations "made at and near Hyde Park, London, Mitchell's Bay, Point Pelee, and Lucknow," and numbering 236 species. The list has evidently been prepared with much care and forms a valuable addition to our knowledge of the distribution of Canadian birds. Among southern species included we note the Swallow-tailed Kite, the Cardinal Grosbeak, the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Hooded Warbler, Mocking Bird, Rough-winged Swallow, Turkey Buzzard, Avocet, Great White Egret, Glossy Ibis, etc.; and among northern species the Bohemian Waxwing, Evening Grosbeak, both species of Three-toed Woodpeckers, the Cinereous Owl, Hawk Owl, etc. Comparison with Mr. McIlwraith's well-known excellent list of the birds of Hamilton, Ont., published in 1866, shows that, while it contains 5 species less than that, it includes 19 not enumerated in the Hamilton list.

In this connection attention should be called to Mr. McIlwraith's recent interesting collation of the two lists,† his article forming an instructive commentary on the general subject, and at the same time a supplement to his own earlier list, he adding 7 species not contained in either of the two lists here under notice, raising the number of species thus far noted in Western Ontario to 260.—J. A. A.

Minor Ornithological Publications.‡—The 'American Naturalist,' Vols. XV (1881), XVI (1882), XVII (1883), contains (besides various extracts from 'Forest and Stream,' 'Ornithologist and Oölogists,' and other journals) the following original notes and articles (Nos. 455-503):—

455. *Habits of the English Sparrow in the United States.* By Henry Gillman. *Amer. Nat.*, XV, pp. 139, 140.

456. *Migrations of the Sand-Hill Crane.* By F. E. L. Beal. *Ibid.*, XV, pp. 141, 142.

457. *A Collector's Notes on the Breeding of a few Western Birds.* By E. [=G.] Holterhoff, Jr. *Ibid.*, XV, pp. 208-219.—Interesting notes on about 40 species of birds observed in Arizona and Southern California, some of them previously very little known.

458. *Notes on a few of the Diseases and Injuries in Birds.* By R. W. Shufeldt, M. D., U. S. A. *Ibid.*, XV. pp. 283-285.

459. *Value of the House Wren as an Insect Destroyer.* By Charles Aldrich. *Ibid.*, XV, pp. 318, 319.

460. *Our Social Blue Jays.* By Charles Aldrich. *Ibid.*, XV, p. 319.

461. *The English Sparrow in Illinois.* By S. A. Forbes. *Ibid.*, XV, pp. 392, 393.

462. *Red-winged Starlings.* By Charles Aldrich. *Ibid.*, XV, pp. 293, 294.—Observed at Webster City, Iowa, in December.

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* List of the Birds of Western Ontario. By J. A. Morden and W. E. Saunders' Canadian Sportsman and Naturalist, Vol. II, Nos. 11 and 12, pp. 183-187, 192-194. November and December, 1882.

† Canadian Sportsman and Naturalist, Vol. III, pp. 198-200, Jan. 1883.

‡ Continued from Bulletin Nuttall Ornithological Club, Vol. VIII, p. 238.